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CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT DATES FOR FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON TARGETING AND ELIMINATING UNLAWFUL TEXT MESSAGES AND RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 1991

CG Docket Nos. 02-278, 21-402

Comment Date: May 8, 2023

Reply Comment Date: June 6, 2023

On March 17, 2023, the Commission released a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Targeting and Eliminating Unlawful Text Messages and Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991, seeking comment on: (i) whether to require terminating mobile wireless providers to block text messages when notified by the Commission that they are likely scams; (ii) caller ID authentication for text messages; (iii) clarifying Do-Not-Call protections for marketing text messages; and (iv) banning the practice of obtaining a single consumer consent as justification for calls and texts from multiple, sometimes hundreds, of sellers and potential fraudsters. The Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking sets deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 days and 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.

On April 7, 2023, a summary of the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published in the Federal Register.¹ Accordingly, comments are due May 8, 2023, and reply comments are due June 6, 2023. Complete comment filing instructions are set forth in the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and the Federal Register.

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¹ Federal Communications Commission, Targeting and Eliminating Unlawful Text Messages and Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991, 88 FR 20800 (April 7, 2023).